

REMARKS

The allowed claims 22-26 are directed to a product and the withdrawn claims 14-21, 27 and 28 are directed to a process for using the product. The independent process claims 14 and 27 require all the limitations of the independent product claim 22. Thus, claim 22 is directed to apparatus containing a cooker portion that has an inlet for introducing coffee powder or tea into the cooker portion, a storage vessel for receiving coffee or tea concentrate from the cooker portion, and a mixing tank which is connected to the storage vessel and which has pipeline fittings for cold and hot water and a pipe fitting for taking the finished coffee or tea drink out of the equipment. Correspondingly, claim 14 requires use of an apparatus containing a cooker portion that has an inlet for introducing coffee powder or tea into the cooker portion and a hermetic storage vessel connected to the cooker portion, and recites the step of transferring the concentrate from the storage vessel into a mixing tank that operates in normal pressure. Claim 14 recites that water may optionally be measured, i.e. a measured amount of water may be added, to the mixing tank and that the finished drink is poured into a serving dish, thereby implicitly requiring pipeline fittings for water and a pipe fitting for removing the finished drink. Similarly, claim 27 requires use of an apparatus containing a cooker portion that has an inlet for introducing coffee powder into the cooker portion and is used to make a concentrate from the coffee powder by the espresso method, and a hermetic storage vessel connected to the cooker portion, which vessel is isolated and heatable, and operating at normal pressure is used, and recites the step of transferring the concentrate from the storage vessel to a mixing tank that operates in normal pressure. Since, as noted above, the limitations of the independent method claims 14 and 27 correspond to the limitations of the independent method claim 22, applicant requests rejoinder of claims 14-21, 27 and 28 with the allowed claims 22-26.

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